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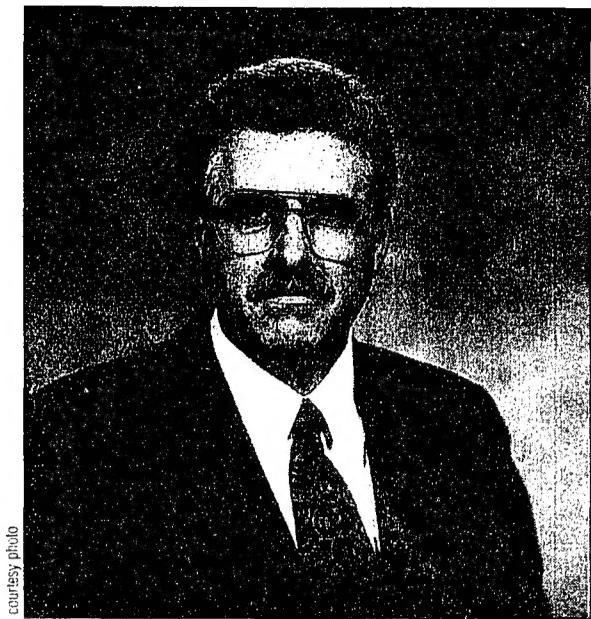
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Neil Morgensen, director of facilities management and planning, died Wednesday morning of a heart attack.

UNO mourns Morgensen

TJ Accola

Called a "personable" man with a "good sense of humor," Neil Morgensen, director of facilities management and planning, died Wednesday morning of a heart attack.

Morgensen, 56, had worked at UNO for more than 25 years. A 1969 graduate of UNO, Morgensen was described as "athletic" by Matt Galardi, who worked for Morgensen for nearly 20 years.

"It was out of the blue," Galardi said of Morgensen's death. "He was perfectly healthy."

Morgensen, as overseer of campus construction, saw UNO through nearly a quarter-century of constant change, including the construction of the Weber Fine Arts Building, the Durham Science Center, the HPER building and the Peter Kiewit Institute.

Galardi, now director of client services at UNO, recalled Morgensen as a huge fan of UNO athletics who never missed a Mavericks hockey game. Once, when he gave Morgensen a hockey stick signed by members of the UNO hockey team, Morgensen was "basically in tears," Galardi said.

Galardi also shared one of his more humorous memories of Morgensen: The first day the parking structure opened to the public, Morgensen received an urgent phone call. A gate arm had come down on a student's car. When Morgensen arrived at the scene, he discovered the student was his daughter, Shelly.

Chancellor Nancy Belek said in a written statement: "Our campus family has lost one of its most dedicated administrators. Much of the credit for UNO's modern, attractive campus is Neil's vision and now, his legacy ... UNO is a better place for Neil having served here."

Morgensen was popular within the UNO community. His wife, Pat, often made trays of food — "enough to feed 30 people," Galardi said — which he brought in to work. He participated in the faculty golf league and was known to play

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Women in Islam presentation part of UNO's 1st Islamic Awareness Week

Kristin Zagurski

"As-Salaam Alay-Kum," Tehmina Zeb said to the crowd that gathered Wednesday morning in the Milo Bail Student Center's Nebraska Room.

This traditional Muslim greeting, meaning "peace be upon you," was used to open up Zeb's presentation on Women in Islam, held as part of UNO's Islamic Awareness Week — an event the Muslim Student Association, its sponsor, hopes to continue annually.

More than 50 people came to hear the presentation, which also included speaker Arwa Nasir.

Zeb, a teacher for Omaha Public Schools and native of Pakistan, described Islam itself before discussing it in relationship to women.

She said Islam is not just a religion, but a way of life. The word Islam itself comes from the Arabic word "slim," which means peace.

Followers of Islam are called Muslims, whom Zeb said, contrary to popular belief, are not all Arabs and vice versa. Only 18 percent of the 1.6 billion Muslims worldwide are Arabs. Of the 82 percent of non-Arab Muslims, 7 million live in North America, Zeb said.

She outlined the things Muslims believe in, which include Allah (God), angels, prophets, holy books and the day of judgment.

She also discussed some of the common misconceptions about Muslims — specifically that Muslim women are abused and oppressed.

"Are [all] Muslim women oppressed?" she said. "No. Are some of them oppressed? Yes."

She discussed the dress of Muslim women, saying it is an aspect of culture and that many of the women still choose to wear hijab — traditional women's dress — because they grew up with it.

Zeb, who does not wear hijab, said she thinks it is liberation and not oppression for a woman to cover herself.

"We let people know — don't look at my body, look at who I am as a person," she said.

Nasir cited a passage from the Quran that suggests guidelines for both men and women's attire.

Chapter 24, verses 30 and 31 of the Quran say: "Say to the believing men that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty ... And say to the believing women that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty; that they should not display their beauty and adornments except what [must ordinarily] appear

thereof; that they should draw their veils over their bosoms and not display their beauty except to their husbands, their fathers ... (a list of exceptions)"

She said in contrast, the Bible gives such guidelines only to women.

1 Timothy 2:9-10 says: "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."

Zeb said as she blow-dries her hair in the winter, she thinks to herself, "I wish I wore the hijab. It would simplify my life."

Nasir, a doctor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Palestine native, added to the discussion.

She said Islam came about at a time when women had "pretty much no rights" and made changes and reforms to benefit women.

She cited chapter 35, verse 33 of the Quran, which uses "men and women" in its language, saying more gender-neutral literature can't be found.

She said Muslim women have the same rights and responsibilities as Muslim men and are held accountable in the same ways men are.

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Baseball sweeps early-week doubleheaders

Brian Brashaw

Baseball

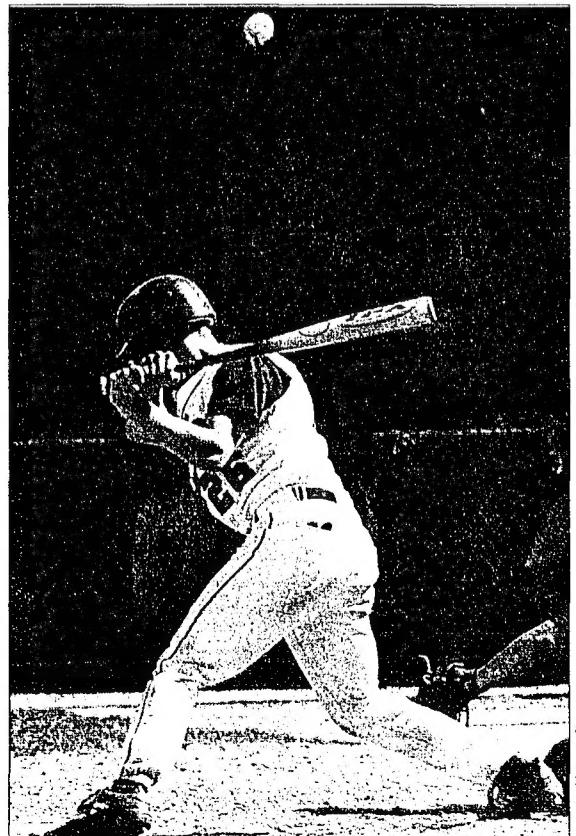
Eight games in four days is a difficult task for someone to ask of any team. But that's exactly what the UNO baseball team went through from Saturday until Tuesday. The good news is that the Mavericks won seven of those eight games, including two doubleheader sweeps Monday and Tuesday. UNO defeated Washburn University 6-5 and 20-4 and kept up the winning ways with a 14-8, 11-9 North Central Conference sweep of Augustana College.

Game One, Monday UNO 6, Washburn 5

UNO started out well in the game, scoring five runs in the first two innings. Dan Persons belted a two-run homerun in the bottom of the second to give UNO the 5-0 lead.

Washburn, however, stormed back. Washburn scored one run in the third and three in the fourth to pull within a run. Eric Shultz led off the fourth inning with a homerun. Washburn tied the game temporarily with a run in the top of the sixth.

Patrick Johnston would spoil Washburn's comeback attempt with an RBI single in the bottom of the sixth inning, which proved the game-winning run.



UNO's Zach Ries foul hits a pitch over his head during Monday's baseball game.

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Earth Day Omaha 2002 to be held Saturday in Elmwood Park

Kristin Zagurski

Earth Day 2002, which will be observed worldwide Monday, April 22, will be celebrated locally in Omaha's Elmwood Park from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 20. UNO students and faculty members will aid in the celebration.

The event is hosted by the Earth Day Omaha coalition, which is made up of more than 15 organizations, including UNO's Physics Department and Students for Environmental Studies.

Melissa Gardner, co-chair of Earth Day Omaha, said the physics department will bring an educational element to the day, offering hands-on activities similar to those in the department's Aim For The Stars camp.

"The neat thing [about the activities] is the kids are learning while they're having fun," Gardner said.

The activities involve weather, astronomy, rocks and fossils and wind energy and are for children of all ages. The Chemistry and Physics on Wheels van will also be on site.

Members of UNO's SES will also volunteer at the event -- they will man the face-painting booth.

The past two years, the Earth Day Omaha celebration has been held downtown at the Gene Leahy Mall,

where wiring and pipes prevented organizers from setting up displays on the grass.

"We were celebrating Earth Day on cement," Gardner said.

Earth Day Omaha was relocated back to Elmwood Park, where it was held years ago, before it was moved to Heartland of America Park and then to the mall.

Other attractions include Wildlife Encounters, at which live tigers, bears and alligators will be present.

"Everybody loves that," Gardner said.

More than 40 exhibitors will also be present, showcasing high-tech and low-energy use products.

Many local, regional and national bands will play at Earth Day Omaha 2002.

John Sebastian, former lead singer and songwriter for The Lovin' Spoonful, whose hits include "Do You Believe in Magic," "Summer in the City" and "Did You Ever Have to Make Up Your Mind?," will highlight the performances.

The Omaha Raptor Team will also give a live birds of prey demonstration.

An awards ceremony featuring Gov. Ben Nelson will be held at 4 p.m. The "Friend to the Environment" corporate award, as well as the "Fred

Thomas Memorial Essay Contest" awards will be distributed at the ceremony.

Gardner said the number one reason to attend the Omaha Earth Day celebration is the high-energy fun that will be experienced.

She said it is also important to learn about the earth and to support environmental protection.

"Every person is connected to, inspired by and responsible for the natural world," she said. "We need to protect these resources and these beautiful things we've been given. If we don't, they'll be lost."

She said the purpose of Earth Day, which began in 1970, is to set aside one day for people to think about the gifts they've been given.

"The land is what makes Americans who we are," Gardner said. "It has defined us."

Gardner said the grassroots Earth Day movement is what started the modern environmental movement. She said things that are now taken for granted, such as the clean air and water acts and the Environmental Protection Agency, all came into being as a result of Earth Day.

"That's why 32 years later it's really important," she said. ☐

Earth Day 2002 Schedule of Events

Noon-12:30 p.m.	1:55-2:25 p.m.	4:00-4:50 p.m.	5:40-5:50 p.m.
Folk singer Michael Murphy	Singer/songwriter Michael Campbell	The Fred Thomas Essay Contest and Corporate Friend of the Environment Awards	Speaker, State Sen. Don Preister
12:30-1:00 p.m.	2:25-2:55 p.m.	4:50-5:00 p.m.	5:50-6:30 p.m.
Earth Music by Ron Cisar	Mozart by Nova String Quartet	U.S. Senator Ben Nelson (invited)	Singer Charlie Burton
1:05-1:20 p.m.	2:55-3:05 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	6:40-8:00 p.m.
Opening Ceremonies	Gerard Baker, National Park Service	Free ice cream given to kids 12 and under	Singer/songwriter John Sebastian, formerly of The Lovin' Spoonful
1:20-1:50 p.m.	3:05-3:55 p.m.	5:00-5:40 p.m.	
Tony Watson's Freedom Ensemble	Wildlife Learning Encounters	John Crews Blues Band	

She said, being familiar with the language of the Quran, it is very strange to hear the misconceptions of female oppression and that diversity is mentioned in the Quran in a positive manner.

She used the example of Adam and Eve. She said in the Bible, blame is placed on Eve for giving in to the temptations of Satan. In the Quran, she said Adam and Eve are mentioned eight times. Seven of those times, blame is placed on both Adam and Eve and in the eighth, it is placed on Adam alone.

Nasir also dispelled the myth that all Muslims have arranged marriages, saying Muslim women have the right to choose their husbands.

She said it is not Muslim-like for a father to force his daughter to marry someone against her wishes and that divorce is allowed and can be initiated by women.

In the case of divorce, women are given automatic custody of their children unless there is a compelling reason they are unfit to take care of them.

She also discussed how mothers are very honored in Islam, saying Mary, whom many Muslims say is the

"prophet without the title," is mentioned in the Quran more than she is in the Bible.

Nasir gave a list of the rights of women in Islam, which includes the rights to ownership of property and other assets and a

share of inheritance, the right to work and make money through business and the right to full and total control of her assets, along with the others previously mentioned.

Following the presentation was a question and answer session. Spousal abuse, polygamy, arranged marriages and terrorism were all discussed.

Nasir said most of the misconceptions about Islam are due to a lack of understanding and



Tehmina Zeb, an OPS teacher and Pakistan native, delivers a presentation about women in Islam Wednesday in the Milo Bail Student Center. The presentation was part of the Muslim Student Association's first Islamic Awareness Week.

education about the religion.

"The west has not been very charitable of Islam," she said, adding that one cannot control what another does in the name of Islam, but can hope the audience knows better and that it is the job of Muslims to do more to educate people.

Quran and Bible passages taken from www.islam101.com. and www.htmblbible.com. ☐

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racquetball three times a week.

In addition to his role at UNO, Morgensen also served as treasurer for the Central Association of Physical Plant Administrators.

Morgensen could "cross that barrier from boss to friend," Galardi said. "He was the same person at work as he was away from work."

Services for Morgensen will be held Saturday, 10 a.m., at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, 14330 Eagle Run Drive. Visitation will be held this evening from 4 to 7 p.m., at the same location. ☐



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Kristin Zagurski

Student survey asks for input on fee increase

Every year, UNO has the opportunity to sign a Microsoft site license for students. Information Technology Services is proposing a \$1-per-credit increase to the Student Technology Fee to support this agreement.

Students can share their opinions by participating in the survey between now and April 22. The survey can be accessed online at <http://websurvey.unomaha.edu>. A Lotus Notes user name and password are required to access the survey, which provides a complete description of how the proposed \$1 increase would be used.

For more information about the survey, contact the Help Desk at 554-3282.

Violin researcher to speak at UNO April 23

The Omaha section of the American Chemical Society and UNO's College of Fine Arts and Department of Chemistry will sponsor a talk by Joseph Nagavary.

His presentation, titled "Renaissance Chemistry and Violin Making in Cremona, Italy," will be held at 6:30 p.m., April 23, in the Strauss Performing Arts Center, Room 105. A 6 p.m. reception and social period will precede the speech.

During 25 years of research, Nagavary studied the chemical and physical properties of violin-making to solve the "Stradivarius Puzzle." Along with a Texas A&M University team, he constructed a violin with many of the properties of a Stradivarius. He challenges critics to listen and compare a Stradivarius to this instrument. Nagavary

travels the country presenting programs based on his studies and research.

For more information, contact Rikki Willerton at 554-2651.

"Bridging the Gap between School and Home" to be held at UNO April 26

Kids, Inc. and the UNO Graduate Department of Counseling and School of Social Work will sponsor "Bridging the Gap between School and Home" April 26 in the W. H. Thompson Alumni Center.

Kids, Inc. is a team of mental health professionals and educators that work collaboratively to promote the development of healthy families. They are dedicated to improving the quality of children's lives within their unique environments.

The one-day program is separated into morning (8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.) and afternoon (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.) sessions, with an open lunch period in-between. Individuals may register for either or both of the sessions.

Registration fees are as follows:

Both sessions: \$50

Half-day: \$25

Student prices are \$25 for both sessions or \$12.50 for half-day.

For more information, contact Kids, Inc. at 330-4014.

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UNO grad receives Master's Thesis Award for rattle snake research

Josie Loza

UNO graduate Daniel Fogell received the Param Gun Sood Master's Thesis Award for his efforts in herpetology research at the annual Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools conference, which was held April 3.

His thesis was titled "Seasonal Activity, Habitat Preferences and Natural History of the Timber Rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus*) in Southeastern Nebraska." He also received an honorarium of \$500 at the conference.

In October, Fogell received UNO's Elton S. Carter Award for excellence in a thesis, which was later submitted to the MAGS distinguished scholarship for consideration.

For his research, Fogell spent two seasons observing timber rattlesnakes in Gage County, Neb. He conducted field observations and radio telemetry, which helps track rattlesnakes' temperatures, latitudinal and longitudinal locations and habitats conditions.

He collected demographic data the first year, followed by the radio-tracking of eight adult timber rattlesnakes the next year.

"In general, what I discovered was that this particular population behaved a little more erratically than expected," Fogell said. "My suggestion for why they behave this way is that they are on the extreme periphery of their range."

Fogell said researchers could use his data to learn more about maintaining timber rattler populations.

He thinks the most interesting part of his study was how the landowners in Gage County changed their attitudes about timber rattlesnakes after he spent two field seasons with them.

"I invited landowners to accompany me on radio-tracking trips and even let them do the tracking themselves," he said. "It changed their minds about whether timber rattlesnakes are mean, aggressive snakes. It also gave them a sense of ownership — like we were out there looking at their snakes."

The MAGS Distinguished Master's Thesis Awards are intended to recognize the distinguished scholarship of two students in its region — one in the arts and one in the sciences — who are pursuing their first graduate-level research degree.

Fogell received a master of arts in biology in December 2000. He is the second UNO graduate student to win the award.

Fogell's future plans include conducting reptile and amphibian surveys for a number of agencies, including The National Park Service, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks.

He is currently a part-time zoology instructor at UNO, but will be actively seeking full-time employment after this coming winter. g

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Tasty the cheese and experience the funky lots

concert review by Barry Brown

The String Cheese Incident blazed into Omaha April 10, hypnotizing the children of the corn and stirrin' it up like only a jam band can. The children gathered at the Civic Center to be spiritually evoked and get a great veggie burrito with homemade salsa from a kid in the lot trying to make her way to String Cheese's next incident.

Just like any other dust kickin' band, the lot scene followed SCI right in and out of Omaha. It was a pleasant lot of kids from around the country with the usual patchwork handmade clothing, vegetarian food, crystals and even the Be Good Family Network trying its hardest to style out the Nebraska natives with some kind threads. It was a healthy reminder that a good dose of music and some friends is all you really need.

All is well and all is good when the Cheese comes to your neighborhood. But without fail, the cops are here to put you in jail ... or at least fill their quota. "You can't smoke in here! Hey, you can't smoke that anywhere." Yes, they made their presence well-known and tried their hardest to get in the way of everyone's good time, including routine aisle checks to make sure no one left without being harassed. Good thing kids with a good shot of jammin' in their veins can't be bothered anyway.

Soon enough, though, the police became as noticeable as the lint in your pocket. They say good music can make you forget how annoying authority figures are.

And so, the night rolled on. SCI played

two sets that spanned three hours, with a never-before-seen or heard dual bluegrass encore.

The first set started off with a song from the newest album. Then, like a tornado from the east, the band was off on a musical tangent that seemed, if only for an instant, to last forever.

String Cheese's ability to transition from salsa to bluegrass to psychedelic funk and back to salsa kept the kids dancing all night and begging for more. This show was like taking an around-the-world music tour, from one country festival to another.

The first set ended in a barrage of guitar and piano solo after solo. Will the band ever stop or does this band have the endurance to last a lifetime?

The second set could not have come a second too late. With a complete get-down funk riff cut, it began. The crowd descended further into a trance and the Cheese continued to set the pace with jam after endless jam.

The motion of the band and the crowd turned into an impenetrable wall of positive sound, taking step after step of forward movement. The whole second set had a bonus package of the tastiest guitar riffs.

When the Cheese came out to encore, the band encountered a hungry but patient crowd. Waiting to hear something revolutionary, the crowd was pleased and eased down with a never-before-seen double bluegrass song special.

The band members even remarked they'd been waiting a long time to do this. Maybe Omaha is a special place? Or maybe



Michael Kang and fellow String Cheese Incident members jam in front of a packed Music Hall at the Civic Center last Wednesday evening.

photo by Josh Williamson

this all happened because it was my birthday.

Just as the band blazed in, it blazed out, like some kind of superhero, not wanting to reveal its true identity. Suddenly, the feeling of being on a endless holiday was losing its grip on my mind, body and soul.

I stepped outside the show and was reminded of the poor geographic location of the city I call home. It was a good thing I could catch a glimpse of the lot scene to

remind me that some people don't give up too easily on the idea that life is one long trip (in the literal sense). All these musical wayfarers will do the same thing tomorrow night in some other town, grouping together to prepare themselves for another round with the String Cheese Incident.

For now, everything seems content; this was just a reminder of time well spent. g

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CONCERTS:

Friday, April 19

ICY & others at Newell's, 9 p.m.
The Nada's & Liquidstatic at Music Box, 9 p.m.
Microphone Jones & others at Mile-A-Way, 4:21 p.m.
Headspace at Rumor's, 9 p.m.
Lit, Anchondo & others at Ranch Bowl, 8 p.m.
Kyle Knapp at The Haven, 7 p.m.
Circle Jam at McFoster's, 8 p.m.
Cursive & others at Sokol, 8 p.m.
Alice at McFoster's, night
Dueling Pianists at D.J.'s Dugout, 9 p.m.

Saturday, April 20

Nina Storey at Music Box, 9 p.m.
Noizewave & others at Ranch Bowl, 8 p.m.
Headspace at Rumor's, 9 p.m.
Jesse Bartek at McFoster's, night
Dueling Pianists at D.J.'s Dugout, 9 p.m.

Sunday, April 21

Battle of the Bands at Ranch Bowl, 8 p.m.
C.A. Waller at McFoster's

Monday, April 22

Open Mic at Stage Right, 8-10 p.m.

Amy Speace & Jenny Bruce at McFoster's
Audiovent & The Used at Ranch Bowl, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23

Brian Joens at McFoster's, 7 p.m.
Open Mic at McGuire's, 8 p.m.
Karaoke at Arena Sports Bar, 7 p.m.

Wicked Me & others at Ranch Bowl, 8 p.m.

Jam Band Nite at Music Box, 9 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24

Tom Corroo at McFoster's
3/4 Evil at Ranch Bowl, 8 p.m.
Acoustic Night at 49'er, 9 p.m.

Thursday, April 25

Jazz Trio at McFoster's
Jazz Night at 49'er
Dueling Pianists at D.J.'s Dugout, 9 p.m.

The Brad Cordle Band at Bourbon St., 9 p.m.

Asylum & others at Ranch Bowl, 8 p.m.

OTHER HAPPENINGS:

Star Shows at UNO Planetarium every Saturday & Sunday, 1 & 2:30 p.m.
Alternative Film Series at Omaha History Center, every Wednesday at

7:30 p.m.

Free Dance Lessons at Bushwacker's, every Wednesday & Friday night

Poetic Fusions at Grooves, every Sunday

Earth Day in Elmwood Park, April 20

Sejour exhibit at Jackson Artworks

Dan Boylan works at Lied Center, through May 18

Eva Aeppli at Garden of the Zodiae

20/20 Vision at The Bemis, through June 17

McGilvrey & Moffitt exhibits at 13th St. Gallery, through April 28

Art-N-Soul exhibit at Artists' Co-Op, through April 28

El Traje Indigena at El Museo Latino, through June 30

Ugahoo exhibit at Shelterbelt, through May 9

"Magic in the Market" at Old Market Spaghetti Works, through April 27

Fuddy Meers at Blue Barn Theatre, through April 28

Carousel at Community Playhouse, through May 19

Chicago at Dundee Dinner Theatre, through May 18

Love is Strange at Shelterbelt Theatre, through May 5 g

CD reviews

Jimmy Skradski

Dashboard Confessional
Summer's Kiss
(Eulogy)

Singer-songwriter Chris Carrabba, better known as Dashboard Confessional, releases his second EP in five months, and although the album contains no new material. *Summer's Kiss* adds full instrumentation to Dashboard's earlier stripped-down sound of just an acoustic guitar and vocals. The EP contains four songs that appeared on the first full-length, *Swiss Army Romance*. Overall, the re-recorded songs sound better and the addition of drums and bass give the older tracks a good makeover (check out "Turpentine Chaser" and "Ender Will Save Us All"). If you like Dashboard's full sound, pick it up, but if you like the stripped-down approach, don't bother. This short collection of emotional tracks is basically for a fanatic; if you are a newcomer and really want to be amazed, pick up last year's *The Places You Have Come To Fear The Most*.

Grade: C

Blackalicious
Blazing Arrow
(MCA)

In-between the laughable Nelly/NSync collaboration and the stupid Jay-Z/Nas war of words, it seems as though the hip-hop world has been suffering a little lately. Enter Blackalicious. Yes kids, there are actually hip-hop groups out there that push the levels of creativity (The Roots, J5, the Pharcyde) — they just aren't on MTV or on sale at the mall. On *Blazing Arrow*, due April 30, the Gift of Gab and beat genius Chief Xcel deliver underground anthems with a handful of guest appearances that will undeniably make your head nod. "4,000 Miles" features tag team rhymes from Chali 2NA (Jurassic 5), Lateef the Truth Speaker and Gab over a bouncy beat while Ben Harper lends his voice and guitar to "Brain Washers." This effort is very creative and the beats are on point. The drums over the rhyme flow from the Gift of Gab makes it all work. (Check out the speed raps over scratches from Cut Chemist on "Chemical Calisthenics.") Blackalicious has something to offer, unlike some of today's rappers. Other guests include Dilated Peoples, Lyrics Born, Zack de la Rocha and more. Blaze up and throw your hands in the air — this is what true hip-hop is.

Grade: B+

Various Artists
Punk Goes Pop
(Fearless)

Punk bands doing covers of today's pop hits? This is by far the weirdest punk compilation ever. Fearless Records has followed up the *Punk Goes Metal* compilation with a disc full of punk bands, some well known and some not, doing covers of NSync, Pink, Madonna, O-Town and others. When certain covers sound too similar to the original, you want to barf. But when the cover takes on a life of its own and sounds like it could be that band's material, it is really good. The Starting Line's cover of J. Lo's "I'm Real" and Student Rick's take on Belinda Carlisle's "Heaven Is A Place On Earth" are really high points. Slick Shoes' cover of "Candy" by Mandy Moore and Element 101's version of "I'm Like A Bird" by Nelly Furtado are very low points. (The pop was supposed to be replaced by punk here, remember guys?) There are some good covers on here, but overall there are more bad ones. Don't waste your money hearing a whiny Japanese punk band called Nicotine cover Britney Spears' "Baby One More Time" because the original sucked ass, anyway. (As did almost every song on this compilation.)

Bottom line: some cool bands, a lot of bad covers.

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Counseling center stresses responsible drinking in April

Angie Schaffer

People can die in a lot of ways. They can crash their cars or jump off balconies or even live long enough for their organs to slowly fail.

Then again, these are problems exacerbated by the abuse of alcohol.

It has long been known that alcohol is not the most friendly substance one could consume, regardless of how friendly it may feel at the time. The National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence, along with many other anti- and safe-use of alcohol programs, has fought to educate the public about the dangers of excessive alcohol consumption and to inform them on safety tips.

April is Alcohol Awareness Month, a program

sponsored annually since 1987 by the NCADD.

This year, UNO's counseling center has taken an active role in raising awareness with a variety of events aimed at target groups.

Students enjoyed mocktails and were given information on responsible drinking Tuesday. In the Milo Bail Student Center that same day, the computer program "Alcohol 101" gave an educational account of what alcohol does to the biology of an intoxicated person.

Other events for the month include presentations to classes and greek groups by Anne Aiken-Kush, a drug and alcohol expert with UNO's counseling center.

The alcohol problem at UNO, Aiken-Kush notes, is not as serious as on other campuses. She credits this to a strong reputation as a dry campus without a history of

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This collection is mad full of platinum artists whose hits define a generation that was born and bred on hip hop - including Run-DMC, Craig Mack, Heavy D & The Boyz, Black Sheep, Salt-N-Pepa, Kid N Play, JJ Fad and DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince!

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Live wire: Long live the Cup

Brian Brashaw and Jim Overfelt

Welcome to the Stanley Cup Playoffs, season two of the National Hockey League.

Brian: It is a wonderful day when I can be in such company as the ultimate hockey pimp himself, Jim Overfelt. The 5-foot-8-inch ball of hate slams down his picks for the first round with much more of an analytical point of view, while I simply throw my two cents in. We'll see who's right.

Jim: Keep in mind I am the same guy who told you Edmonton, Calgary and Washington would make the playoffs, so I am not all I'm cracked up to be. However, I am still brave enough to go out on a limb here and say this is the year of the underdogs in the NHL.

Brian: I wouldn't call it brave. Wishful thinking maybe, but not brave.

Eastern Conference

No. 1 Boston Bruins vs. No. 8 Montreal Canadiens

Jim: These teams have met 29 times in their rich playoff history, with the edge going to Montreal. Canadiens goalie Jose Theodore will have to be even better than he was in the regular season for Montreal to win. Boston has a lot of firepower and had better get Montreal eliminated sooner than later because the longer this series goes, the more likely Montreal could cause an upset. **Bruins in six or Montreal in 7 games.**

Brian: The Bruins are one of the most pleasant surprises in the NHL this season, as are the Canadiens. The Canadiens are on a tear, but their goalie doesn't know what season two is all about. He'll fold by game two and the team by five or six. **Bruins in five.**

No. 2 Philadelphia Flyers vs. No. 7 Ottawa Senators

Jim: Both of these teams have something in common — goalies whose playoff credentials are questionable. If Ottawa is not intimidated by the Flyers'

brute physical presence, they have a chance. Ottawa is still soft. **Flyers in 6.**

Brian: For the first time and maybe the only time in this tirade, I'll agree. Ottawa is weak. They rely on speed to kill and Philly will have none of it. Senators jerseys will streak the boards when this thing is through. **Philly in 6.**

No. 3 Carolina Hurricanes vs. No. 6 New Jersey Devils

Jim: This is a horrible draw for the Carolina Hurricanes. They face a team that has been to the finals the last two years. This will be a rough series, but take **New Jersey in 7.**

Brian: Horrible for Carolina? This draw is horrible for hockey. There are teams not in the playoffs with more wins and more points than the Hurricanes. It's a travesty — they win the weak Southeast and get the #3 seed. What's more is I can't believe you think they have a chance to make game seven. Forget about it. **Devils sweep.**

No. 4 Toronto Maple Leafs vs. No. 5 New York Islanders

Jim: The Toronto Maple Leafs are a team in turmoil right now. The bad relationship between Leaf's coach Pat Quinn and goaltender Curtis Joseph has been the talk of the town. Meanwhile, the most improved team in the league, the Islanders, comes calling with a young, fast and very skilled hockey club. Islander goaltender Chris Osgood outplays the Leaf's Curtis Joseph. **Islanders in 7 games.**

Brian: Wrong, wrong, wrong. The Isle are a bunch of up-and-comers who are in Disneyland. The clock is about the strike midnight and Cinderella is about to get sent home with no prince and no glass slipper. Toronto is playoff-tested and no matter what relationship is brewing, the Leaf's will hang on. **Leafs in 6.**

The Western Conference preview will be printed in the next edition of The Gateway. Stay tuned! ☺

Happenings around the beautiful game

Paul Freelend

Bruce Arena, head coach of the United States men's national soccer team, gave players on the fringe of his squad their last opportunity to prove their worth in his team's 2-1 loss at Ireland.

Both sides had to deal with driving rain at Dublin's Lansdowne Road, which already had a spotty pitch due to the Irish national rugby team playing there. Charlton Athletic's Mark Kinsella opened the scoring in the sixth minute, hooking home a volley from a Steve Finnigan cross. The U.S. nearly tied the game two minutes later, but Metrostars striker Clint Mathis' swerving long-range shot was brilliantly turned away by Irish goalkeeper Shay Given.

D.C. United defender Eddie Pope tied the game for the U.S. in the 34th minute, heading home a John O'Brien corner kick to make the game 1-1.

Both Arena and Ireland manager Mick McCarthy made wholesale changes at the halftime break, as both gave players on the bubble one last look. The U.S. made five substitutions over the interval while Ireland made six. Tottenham Hotspur's Gary Doherty made his case to McCarthy, heading in the winning goal after 84 minutes from Steve Staunton's free kick.

Before the match, Staunton and Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern presented a check for \$237,700 to New York City firefighters Kevin Gallagher and Jack Ginty, who were flown to Dublin for the game by the Irish Football Association (FAI).

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Game Two Monday

UNO 20 Washburn 4

Two season-highs were achieved in game two Monday. The Mavericks' 20 runs tied a season high, and the five homeruns set a new high. Five different Mavericks went yard on the way to a severe pounding of Washburn.

UNO was spurned on by a nine-run second inning.

Johnston went 3 for 4 with two runs and three RBI, including one of the five homers. Washburn never stood a chance. Starting pitcher Dave Shirley and reliever Paul gave up a total of 19 runs in less than four innings of work.

Game One Tuesday

UNO 14, Augustana 8

UNO continued its offensive assault by boasting 14 runs in game one Tuesday. Maverick sluggers torched the Augustana starter for seven runs in the second inning. Justin Cook and Spencer Doyle both homered

Arena praised the Irish team for its generosity.

"Speaking on behalf of U.S. Soccer, we are extremely touched by the generosity of the Irish people," Arena said. "I just can't put it into words for that gesture. The game is one thing, the World Cup is another. The real story is how people can get along and are civil. Hopefully, one thing can be gained from Sept. 11, and that is how it's helping bring people together."

In addition to the Irish team donating their pay from a March 27 friendly against Denmark, members of the Dublin Fire Brigade took up a collection during the Denmark match and the FAI also made a contribution. The donation was made to the U.S.-based 9-11 Fund.

Portugal recovered from a shocking 4-1 home loss to Finland last month to hold fellow World Cup favorites Brazil to a 1-1 tie in Lisbon. Paolo Sergio opened the scoring for Portugal in the 60th minute and Ronaldinho tied the game with a 73rd-minute penalty.

In other friendlies around the globe, Julius Aghahowa's two goals gave Nigeria a 2-1 win over Scotland and a pair of goals from Real Madrid striker Raul helped Spain beat Northern Ireland 5-0. Defending World Cup champions France were held 0-0 by Russia, England raced past Paraguay 4-0 in Michael Owen's first game as England captain, Italy tied 1-1 with Uruguay and Juan Pablo Sorin's goal gave Argentina a hard-fought 1-0 win in Germany. ☺

and Matt Haynes hit a two-RBI triple.

The offensive onslaught continued into the fourth and fifth innings, where UNO crossed their other seven runs. This two-inning tear was highlighted by Cook's grand slam.

Game Two Tuesday

UNO 11, Augustana 9

For the third straight game, the Maverick offense generated a double-digit run total. The Mavericks' 11 runs in game two gave them a total of 51 runs in four games. Again, the Mavericks started out hot at the plate, scoring six runs in the first inning.

Jake Wurth had a standout day at the plate, swinging 2 for 3 with two runs and three RBI.

Augustana fought back with three runs in both the fifth and sixth innings, but UNO's lead was too large by then.

The Mavericks are now 22-11 on the season and will play another doubleheader against Minnesota State on April 20. ☺

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partying and an absence of cultural influences involving alcohol.

"The university is not surrounded by bars," she notes.

The counseling center also educates incoming freshmen of the dangers of alcohol abuse. Aiken-Kush says it targets this group because "nationwide ... freshmen are at a higher risk of misuse or abuse of alcohol." She believes upperclassmen have moved away from the party scene and into a more academic focus, so alcohol is not such a problem for

them.

Nationally, the month began with an Alcohol-Free Weekend April 5-7. This year's national campaign is titled "Recovery: It's a Family Affair And Everyone's Invited!" According to www.jointogether.org, this year's campaign aims to address the damage done by alcoholism to the families of alcoholics.

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Mav tennis team stings Hornets in Kansas

Paul Freeland

Tennis

UNO's tennis team won its second straight dual meet Tuesday as it downed Emporia State 6-3 in Topeka, Kan.

With less than a week remaining in the regular season, the Mavericks were looking to piggyback their success in their 9-0 weekend sweep of South Dakota with a win in Kansas. The Mavs' top doubles teams led the way against Emporia State, taking two of the three doubles matches. Bridgette Komasinck and Mikaila Spalding teamed up to win at No. 1 doubles 8-1 while the No. 2 doubles team of M.J. Robertson and Sarah Huls fought to an 8-5 win.

Leading 2-1 after the doubles competition, UNO's top four singles players all took care of business to seal the win for the Mavericks. Komasinck swept past Andrea Jerek 6-1, 6-1 at No. 1 singles while

Huls won 6-1, 6-4 over Sara McCarthy at No. 2 singles. Spalding beat Kylie Metro 6-0, 6-3 at No. 3 singles to put the dual out of reach for ESU and Lindsay Henjum was stretched to a tie-break in the second set, but still defeated Libby Rooks 6-1, 7-6 (7-2) at No. 4 singles.

Emporia State got wins at No. 5 singles from Darcy Wells (6-3, 6-3 over Shannon Dinovo) and No. 6 singles from Bobbi Sue Musgrove (6-2, 2-6, 6-3 over Lindsay Loveland) to make the dual's final score 6-3 in favor of the Mavericks.

UNO's last dual of the regular season will be Saturday as the Mavs travel to Lamoni, Iowa, for a return dual against Graceland College. UNO scored a 6-3 win over the Yellowjackets back on March 3 in Omaha. Afterwards, the Mavs will return home to Omaha as they host the North Central Conference Championships April 26-28. (S)

Softball prevails over wind, Griffons

Paul Freeland

Softball

Howling winds and poor visibility forced the UNO and Missouri Western State softball teams to play only half of their scheduled doubleheader, but the Mavericks still prevailed 1-0.

Playing into the teeth of 40 MPH wind gusts, UNO managed a single run off of 10 hits. Mav pitcher Krista Unger, however, kept Missouri Western State's offense at bay, holding the Griffons to three hits over seven complete innings while striking out four batters. Unger's complete game shutout was her 13th this season and it improved her record to 23-5.

With the elements wreaking havoc on the game, the Mavericks had an opportunity to score the breakthrough run in the top of the second inning. Sarah Scheppers singled up the middle to lead off the inning and Scheppers' pinch-runner Tracy Hortman advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Erin Drinnin.

UNO broke the deadlock in the top of

the fifth as Kelli Lentz singled to start the inning. Kelsey Duckworth singled to advance Lentz to second and Kelly Moats' single in the next at-bat brought Lentz home to make the score 1-0. Lentz was the game's first runner to advance to third base.

MWSU threatened to tie the game in the bottom of the seventh as Kelly Ulrich reached on an error and was sacrificed to second base. Ulrich advanced to third on a single from Whitney Brownfield, but Unger got the next two batters to fly out and strike out swinging in succession to end the game.

Game two of the doubleheader was called off due to high winds and poor visibility, leaving UNO's record at 34-5 and MWSU's record at 14-23. Duckworth was 3-4 batting for the Mavs while Moats went 2-4 with an RBI.

UNO's next action will be at the North Central Conference North/South Showdown II in Sauk Rapids, Minn. The Mavericks will take on the same teams they faced in the first Showdown — South Dakota State, North Dakota, No. 9 North Dakota State, Minnesota State-Mankato and No. 13 St. Cloud State. (S)

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Mrs. Antribus'
(Melanie Gillis)
friends, the T-rex
(Toby Gibson) and
Mammoth (Angie
Moy and Suzanne
Withem), have a very
large stage presence
in the first act of
UNO's production of
The Skin of Our
Teeth.

The Skin of Our Teeth: not a normal kind of play

Holly Lukasiewicz

They're roaming, but you hope they won't bite. Watching the hodge-podge of mammoths, dinosaurs and cross-dressing family members, you best check yourself.

When it comes to UNO's production of Thornton Wilder's *The Skin of Our Teeth*, there's nothing quite typical about it.

The Skin of Our Teeth, winner of the 1943 Pulitzer Prize for drama, traces the Antrobus family's evolution from the ice age to a visit with Noah and his ark, through wars, up to modern existence. Combining satire and absurdism, the play represents humankind's continuous plight for sustaining life and its ability to survive by "the skin of their teeth." Characters such as Socrates and Queen Elizabeth make appearances.

Another added twist to the play is that

each actor plays another's character at some point in the play. This is where the cross-dressing action comes into play.

Cross-gendering is an important dramatic quality to the play.

UNO student Melanie Gillis, who plays three separate characters, says it creates a more intense emotional impact on the audience. Seeing a male demean a woman may not be as powerful a statement than if it were a woman dressed as a man demeaning another woman.

With a "whirlwind of things" happening, *The Skin of Our Teeth* promises to deliver the goods.

Show times are 8 p.m., April 18-20 and 24-27, in UNO's Fine Arts building. Call 554-2335 for more information.

"Come with an open mind," Gillis says. "Don't expect to see something you'd see in a movie theater." (S)

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